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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled: OLIGONUCLEOTIDE SIZING USING CLEAVABLE PRIMERS - Joseph Albert Monforte, et al.*

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a 109 page patent specification including 87 claims and an abstract. Also included are Figures 1-17 on 25 sheets. The specification and drawings constitute the application of Joseph Albert Monforte, Christopher Hank Becker, Thomas Andrew Shafer, and Daniel Joseph Pollart for the captioned invention.

Also transmitted herewith is a diskette containing the computer-readable form of those sequences in the specification, a Statement as Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), and a separate paper copy of the sequence listing.

Please note that this application is filed without an inventors' Declaration and Assignment, a Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status, a Power of Attorney, and filing fees. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (f), the Applicants request the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with

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